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### 1. CHINA

UPI (NYDN) REPORTS DOS AND CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAYING SUNDAY FORD IS TARGETING PRC TRIP AFTER THANKSGIVING, PLANS DISPATCH HAK TO PEKING IN ADVANCE TO PREPARE FOR VISIT; SAYS DOS OFFICIALS HAVE TALKED GENERALLY ABOUT HAK TRIP OCCURRING IN OCT.

### 2. JAPAN

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POLICE SAY BOMB SET UNDER RAILWAY BRIDGE BY RADICAL EAST ASIA ANTI-JAPANESE ARMED FRONT IN AUG 1974 TO ASSASSINATE EMPEROR FAILED DETONATE; RECOVERED, USED FEW DAYS LATER TO BOMB MITSUBISHI TOKYO HQ, KILLING

EIGHT, WOUNDING 300 (WP 9/20).

JAL PROPOSED NEW CUT-RATE TRANS-PACIFIC FARE OF 650 DOLS, TO COUNTER PAA DISCOUNT RATE (CSM, SUN). DID SO AT WEEKEND AFTER MFA PROTESTED TO US EMBASSY, DEMANDED PAA SCRAP NEW "DUMPING" FARE (CULLISON, JOC). SPOKESMAN FOR PAA, NWA SAYS NEW PROMOTIONAL RATE OFFERED

TRAVELLERS WHO BEGIN TRIP IN US BECAUSE MARKET DIFFERENT FROM JAPAN'S. DOS EXPECTED CONSULT CAB ON US POSITION. BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING JAPANESE DEMAND FOR CHICAGO RIGHTS SEEN LIKELY OUTCOME OF "RATE WAR" (HALLORAN, NYT 9/21).

YEN DROPPED TO LOWEST VALUE IN YEAR MONDAY ON TOKYO FOREX MART. BANK OF JAPAN FORCED SELL ESTIMATED 300 MILLION DOLS AT NEW INTERVENTION POINT OF 303 YEN. SOME FORWARD QUOTES REACHED 307 YEN (REUTER TOKYO).

NYT'S HOFFMAN SAYS UN REINFORCES SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN PREPARATION VISITS BY SECSTATE, OTHERS IN COMING WEEKS, INCLUDING EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

AMEMBASSY SOURCES SAY US WILL HAVE CONSULT WITH GOJ IF DOW CHEMICAL APPLICATION TO MFR CAUSTIC SODA IN JAPAN REJECTED; NOTE GOJ PROCLAIMED FULL LIBERALIZATION IN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY (AP, CHITRIB).

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM SAYS SIX STEEL FIRMS, OSAKA GAS CO AGREE IMPORT 1.66 MILLION TONS COAL ANNUALLY FOR THREE YRS BEGINNING APR 1976, FROM SUBSIDIARY ISLAND CREEK COAL CO (WSJ, LOS ANGELES). PRICE BELIEVED UNDER 60 DOLS/TON (JOC, TOKYO).

MAJOR STEEL MAKERS SAID MOVING TO HOLD DOWN EXPORTS TO US, TO PREVENT ANTI-DUMPING CHARGES, MAINTAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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DOMESTIC PRICES RECENTLY RAISED BY 22.7 DOLS/TON (JOC, TOKYO).

UPI PROFILES YOJI (GEORGE) HAMAWAKI WHO CAME TO US 10 YRS AGO TO START MOTOCYCLE BUSINESS FOR KAWASAKI MOTOR CORP, NOW FOURTH LARGEST BIKE MAKER IN US WITH ANNUAL SALES OF 200 MILLION DOLS (JOC).

DUN AND BRADSTREET INTL BUYS 10 PERCENT OF IRM, AS MEANS BEGIN CREDIT INQUIRY OPERATIONS IN JAPAN (CSM).

CEREMONY HELD YOKOHAMA SATURDAY TO COMMEMORATE 160TH ANNIVERSARY BIRTH OF US MISSIONARY JAMES CURTIS HEPBURN, WHO DEvised SYSTEM TO WRITE JAPANESE IN ROMAN SCRIPT

(WP).

### 3. INDOCHINA

RE FORMER CIA ANALYST SAM ADAMS CHARGES ROSTOW, AMB  
BUNKER, HELMS, GENS WESTMORELAND, WHEELER AWARE VC

TROOP STRENGTH DELIBERATELY DOWNGRADED FOR FEAR AROUSING  
PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO WAR, REPS TREEN, MILFORD  
PROPOSE HOUSE INTELL COMMITTEE CALL THOSE NAMED AS  
WITNESSES (LARDNER, WP 9/20). KEMSTER (WSTAR 9/19)  
DISCUSSES HOW DATA SHAPED TO BACK CLAIMS OF VICTORY;  
NOTES US TROOPS DURING TET '68 WERE BATTERED BY TROOPS,  
ARTILLERY THAT OFFICIAL ESTIMATES INDICATED VC DID NOT  
POSSESS. LEWIS (NYT) SEES REASON FOR DUPLICITY AS  
LBJ'S WISH THAT EVERYONE THINK WAR BEING WON. QUOTES  
ADAMS THAT RESULTS OF DECEPTION SERIOUS, WITH MANY US  
TROOPS KIA, AND FACING TRUTH MIGHT HAVE FORCED EARLIER  
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION US WITHDRAWAL.

PHAM VAN DONG HAS HAD "CORDIAL TALKS" WITH US ECONOMIST  
SPECIALIZING IN PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT; NO DATE GIVEN  
FOR VISIT. HK POST OFFICE REPORTS MAIL SERVICE TO  
SAIGON PARTIALLY RESTORED. NVN DELEGATION HEADED BY  
LE DUAN WILL ARRIVE PEKING 9/22 (WP 9/21). POL OBSERVERS  
ATTACH GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO LE DUAN VISIT, BELIEVE  
COULD INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT RELS AMONG PEKING, HANOI,  
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MOSCOW, SINCE COMES AT TIME WHEN USSR TRYING BRING HANOI  
TO ITS SIDE IN CONFLICT WITH PRC (UPI, NYDN).

DEEP CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN SAIGON, WITH WITCH-HUNT  
UNDERWAY AGAINST "COMPRADORES" -- MIDDLE-MEN WHO  
DOMINATED COUNTRY'S TRADE. CAMPAIGN AIMED AT LOWERING  
PRICES, ESTABLISHING STATE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. SAIGON  
CLEAN-UP STEPPED-UP, PEOPLE MORE RELAXED IN ATTITUDE  
TOWARD MILITARY, THOUGH ARMY RETAINS POWER (AFP, NYT  
9/21). BUTTERFIELD (NYT) AT HK QUOTES REFUGEES SAYING  
SVN ECON CONDITIONS INCREASINGLY STRAINED, AND ARMED  
RESISTANCE CONTINUES. UNEMPLOYMENT, DIFFICULTY OF  
WITHDRAWING MONEY FROM BANKS, OFFICIAL MOVES AGAINST  
FREE-WHEELING ECONOMY, BRIBES REQUIRED BY NEIGHBORHOOD  
COMMITTEES MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT. FIGHTING IN TAY NINH,  
DELTA REPORTED; RESISTANCE RADIO BROADCASTS REPORTED.  
BUTTERFIELD NOTES ARMED OPPOSITION NOT VIEWED AS  
IMMEDIATE DANGER IN SAIGON. MENTIONS FREQUENT STORIES  
THAT FORMER OFFICIALS TAKEN AWAY FOR REEDUCATION USED  
TO CLEAR MINEFIELDS, UNEXPLODED BOMBS, WITH MANY  
APPARENTLY KILLED IN PROCESS.

### 4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

THIEU GOES TO LONDON TO BE WITH WIFE, SON; LABELS  
"COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA' REPORTS HE HAD TAKEN GOLD OUT  
OF SAIGON; STATES INTENT RETURN TAIPEI (WP 9/20; WSTAR  
9/20; AP, NYT 9/22).

KY SAYS AMB MARTIN HEADED OFF COUP IN LAST DAYS BEFORE  
SVN FELL (WSTAR 9/21)

PHINQ'S RAWLS DESCRIBES LIFE FAMILY OF 7 WHO THINK  
"VERY LUCKY," BEING HEPLED BY CHICAGO SPONSOR GROUP.

#### 5. THAILAND

LARGER THAI RICE, MAIZE CROPS FORECAST. RTG PLANS  
CONCLUDE LONG-TERM RICE SALES AGREEMENTS TO INSURE  
STEADY MARKETS. MAIZE EXPORTS ENCOURAGING, WITH  
JAPAN, ROC, SK, HK, SINGAPORE ALREADY PROMISED BUY  
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LARGE QUANTITIES (JOC).

NYT'S ANDELMAN AT BANGKOK (9/21) REPORTS STRIKES BECOMING  
PART OF LIFE, WITH GARBAGE COLLECTION, MAIL DELIVERY,  
BUS TRANSPORTATION, ALL RECENTLY SHUT DOWN. SAYS HALTING  
PUBLIC SERVICES NEW FOR CAPITAL; GOVT SO FAR GAVE IN  
TO DEMANDS OF GARBAGE COLLECTORS, MAILMEN.

#### 6. TIMOR

INDONESIAN-SUPPORTED UDT, APODETI REPORTEDLY ATTACKING  
FRETILIN POSITIONS (WP 9/21).

#### 7. AUSTRALIA/NZ

NZ MEAT EXPORTS INCREASE 9.5 PCT FOR FIRST 11 MOS  
COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING 1974 PERIOD (JOC). NZ BOP  
DEFICIT 45 MILLION DOLS, DOWN FROM 85 MILLION IN  
JULY, 116 MILLION AUG 74 (REUTER, NYT).

AUSTRALIA'S BHP WILL DEVELOP HUGE IRON ORE DEPOSIT  
IN NW IN EXPRESSION CONFIDENCE REVIVAL INTL DEMAND  
(STOVE, JOC).

#### 8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

JUDGE OF UK HIGH COURT WILL TRAVEL TO PAC IS TO TRY  
SETTLE COMPLAINT BY OCEAN ISLANDERS THAT THEY BE  
COMPENSATED, SENT HOME FROM FIJI. ISLANDERS CLAIM  
HOME ISLAND RAVAGED BY UK, AUSSIE, NZ GOVTS TO GET  
PHOSPHATE. BANABANS (OCEAN ISLAND FORMER RESIDENTS)  
OFFICIALLY FIJIANS, BUT HOME ISLAND DUE BECOME PART

GILBERTS NEXT MONTH WHEN GILBERT, ELLICE ISLANDS  
BECOME SEPARATE COLONIES. PHOSPHATE REVENUES; WITHOUT  
IT, GILBERTESE ECONOMY WOULD COLLAPSE (ARBOSE, NYT 9/21).

9. UN

UN REBUFFS US, FORCES NEW VOTE ON 2 VNS, ASKS VETO  
REVERSAL BY 123-0 (WP 9/20; TELTSCH, NYT 9/20). NO  
INDICATION WHEN SC WILL MEET TO RECONSIDER APPLICATIONS  
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(TELTSCH). AMB MOYNIHAN WARNS UN WILL DIE IF IT DOES  
NOT REMAIN REPRESENTATIVE, LINKS SK MEMBERSHIP WITH  
THAT OF 2 VNS (WP 9/21).

ME, EA WILL HOLD UN SPOTLIGHT DURING 30TH UNGA SESSION;  
US SUBMITTED RESOLUTION THAT UNC IN SK BE DISSOLVED  
AFTER AGREEMENT CONTINUE ARMISTICE; PRC, NK SUBMIT  
RESOLUTION DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL ALL FOREIGN TROOPS  
FROM KOREA; USSR, PRC SURE CLASH OVER MOSCOW INITIATIVE  
BAN NUCLEAR TESTING; RESOLUTION ADMIT BOTH VNS WILL COME  
BEFORE UNSC, WITH US LINKING ADMISSION TO THAT OF  
SK (O'LEARY, WSTAR 9/21).

UNESCO SAYS WILL DEVELOP ASIAN NEWS SYNDICATE TO  
DISTRIBUTE FEATURES TO HELP ASIANS GET KNOW MORE ABOUT  
EACH OTHER (CSM).

10. MALAYSIA

SULTAN LAHYA PETRA IBNI AL-MARHUM SULTAN BRAHIM SWORN  
IN FOR FIVE-YR TERM AS SIXTH PARAMOUNT RULER IN  
CEREMONY AT ROYAL PALACE SUNDAY. SULTANA SWORN IN  
AS QUEEN AT SAME TIME. WAS RULER OF E COAST STATE OF  
KELANTAN, EDUCATED IN PENANG, ENGLAND (UPI, NYT).  
FIRST ACT WAS TO CUT PAY 5 PERCENT, TO HELP EASE  
GOM FINANCIAL PROBLEMS (AP, SUN).

MALAYSIAN MAMUT COPPER MINE PRODUCED 7,000 TONS  
COPPER CONCENTRATE SINCE OPENED IN MAY, ACCORDING  
STANDARD AND CHARTERED REVIEW. EXPECTED BEGIN EXPORTS  
TO JAPAN SHORTLY (JOC, LONDON).

HARTLEY (WSJ) IN KL SAYS FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN DISTURBED  
BY RISING NATIONALISM THAT DEMANDS ETHNIC MAJORITY  
MALAYS BE GIVEN BIGGER SLICE OF CAKE. POTENTIAL  
FOREIGN INVESTORS SCARED AWAY BY UNCERTAINTIES OF NEW  
LAWS, SOME QUIETLY TALKING ABOUT MOVING OUT OF MALAYSIA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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HALLORAN (NYT 9/21) IN TOKYO PERCEIVES JAPAN DRIFTING

AIMLESSLY WITHOUT COHERENT FOREIGN POLICY TO MEET CHALLENGES POSED BY PRC, SOVIET, OPEC, SK, NK, AND US DESIRE IT BE LESS "PASSIVE" IN PROVIDING FOR OWN SECURITY. LACKS GUIDING BEACON LIKE SECSTATE'S DETENTE, BRANDT'S OSTPOLITIK OR DEGAULLE'S "GRANDEUR". HASN'T EVEN RATIFIED NPT, ALTHOUGH ONLY NATION TO SUFFER A-BOMB. ATTRIBUTES DRIFT TO ABSENCE CONSENSUS, EVEN WITHIN RULING LDP, AND TO GENUINE PUZZLEMENT OF INSULAR PEOPLE, AT OUTSIDE WORLD. SUGGESTS MIGHT CHANGE WHEN NEW GENERATION COME TO POWER, WHO WANT JAPAN BE SOMETHING MORE THAN HOME FOR "ECONOMIC ANIMALS," HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OWN CAPABILITIES, AND ARE REALISTIC ABOUT NATION'S LIMITATIONS.

CSM'S OKA IN TOKYO (9/18) DESCRIBES ALMOST UNPERCEIVED CRISIS FACING JAPAN 122 YRS AFTER PERRY ENDED CENTURIES OF SELF-IMPOSED ISOLATION -- CAN NATION SHIFT FROM CENTURY-OLD EFFORT "TO CATCH UP WITH THE WEST" IN TIME TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING WORLD AFFAIRS? NOTES BEHIND POLITE COMPLIMENTS TO JAPANESE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN BEING ONE OF WEST'S BIG FIVE (WITH US, UK, FRG, FRANCE), BEGINNING OF "MORE THAN GLIMMER" OF IMPATIENCE AT JAPAN'S RELUCTANCE TAKE UP ROLE COMMENSURATE WITH FAR-FLUNG ECONOMIC POWER, CAPACITY AFFECT WORLD'S ECONOMIC ORDER. BUT UNLIKE POST-PERRY PERIOD, THIS TIME NO MODEL AND NO ALTERNATIVE BUT FOR JAPAN TO PUT OUT INTO UNCHARTED SEAS, WHERE REWARDS UNCERTAIN, GOALS FAR FROM FULLY DEFINED.

12. KOREA

HALLORAN (NYT) IN SEOUL BELIEVES PRES PARK, AFTER TWO STORMY YEARS, HAS SUPPRESSED ALMOST ALL DISSIDENCE. IN RECENT MONTHS USED POST-VN WAR SCARE TO JUSTIFY CALL FOR UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE, TOTAL UNITY UNDER HIS COMMAND. HAS PLACED SOME LEADERS ON TRIAL, IMPRISONED OTHERS. QUOTES LONG-TIME WESTERN RESIDENT WHO SAYS "POLITICALLY THINGS ARE SO QUIET AROUND HERE THAT IT'S

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SPOOKY."

13. CHINA

FRANK CHING (HK) SAYS WHATEVER MEANING OF NEW ANTI-SUNG CHIANG CAMPAIGN, CLEAR FROM THIS AND OTHER

EVIDENCE THAT SOME NEW POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS BREWING IN PRC. RECALLS THAT RECENTLY, "RATHER SURPRISINGLY," PEKING CHOSE TO BROADCAST FACT TROOPS SENT TO HANGCHOW FACTORIES TO QUELL DISTURBANCES; ALSO, AS PART OF MOVE

TOWARD STABILITY, UNITY, MORE SENIOR GOVT PARTY AND MIL OFFICIALS PURGED DURING GPCR ARE BEING REHABILITATED (9/21).

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, CITES INSTANCES OF EXPENSIVE TECHNOLOGY PRC IS IMPORTING, AND MOUNTING TRADE DEFICIT COUNTRY IS ACCUMULATING IN PROCESS. OBSERVES GROWING TRADE DEFICIT BEGINNING HAVE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES, AMONG THEM: PRC AFFAIRS FACING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT CHOICES OVER WHAT MACHINERY COUNTRY WILL IMPORT AND WHAT DO WITHOUT; ALSO, BUSINESSMEN ON BUYING TRIPS ARE FINDING EXPORTING COMPANIES, PRESUMABLY ANXIOUS TO REDUCE PRC TRADE DEFICIT, ARE OFFERING GREATER VARIETY OF GOODS AT REASONABLE PRICES.

14. KOREA

NYT (9/20) STATES SHIFTING TRIPARTITE RELATIONSHIP AMONG US, SK, JAPAN BEING RE-EXAMINED NOW THAT POST-VN DEFEATISM FADING. DURING RECENT VISIT, BOTH SECDEF AND PARK SPOKE PUBLICLY OF ORDERLY PHASE-DOWN US FORCES IN ROK, BUT JAPAN, SEEN TRYING DISTANCE SELF FROM REPRESSIVE PARK REGIME, MAY BE "SEVERAL STEPS AHEAD" OF US IN PERCEIVING ASIAN POWER SHIFTS THAT LEAVE ROOM FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN TRADITIONAL MILITARY POLICIES PERMIT. URGES US "BE WARY" OF MAINTAINING MORE EXPOSED, COMMITTEED POSITION IN SK THAN GLOBAL INTERESTS -- AND THOSE OF ALLY JAPAN -- NECESSARILY REQUIRE.

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DAVID VAN PRAAGH (JOURNALISM PROF, CARLETON U, OTTAWA, IN WP) NOTES OVERLOOKED BUT DISTINCTLY KOREAN FACTORS THAT FAVOR SURVIVAL INDEPENDENT ROK -- COMPARED PARK POLICIES, KIM IL-SUNG'S POLICE STATE MORE TOTAL, AND ABHORENT TO VIRTUALLY ALL 33 MILLION SKOREANS. ALSO NOTES KEY QUESTION MAY BE HOW PARK CONTINUES PLAY HIS STRONG CARDS AS ROK ECONOMY GROWS MORE COMPLEX AND WORKERS, FARMERS, REALIZE STILL NOT EARNING ENOUGH.

15. INDOCHINA

BOST H-A (9/16) NOTING REPORTS HANOI PLANS SELL US WEAPONS, SAYS WAITS FOR JANE FONDA ET AL TO BRAND NVN 2ND-HAND MERCHANTS OF DEATH. COMMENTS THAT US "ATROCITY EXHIBIT" OPENED IN SVN, THAT INCLUDES GIRLIE MAGS,

MAY INDICATE GIS TRYING "MAKE LOVE, NOT WAR."

16. UN

BOST H-A (9/19) HAILS END "DISGRACEFUL" UNGA PRESIDENCY  
OF ALGERIA'S BOUTEFLIKA WHO ASSAILED 1974 BLOCKING  
MEMBERSHIP GRUNK, SOUNDED OFF IN SUPPORT NK CAUSE.  
BELIEVES SUCCESSOR THORN CAPABLE, CALM, EXPERIENCED,  
OBJECTIVE, FAIR.

BOST HA-A (9/16) SAYS DELEGATES' MOOD THIS YR IS  
INTENDED CONCILIATION, BUT NOTES USSR, PRC ASSAILING  
EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF US. SEES POSSIBILITY PRODUCTIVE  
COMPROMISE, BUT "DON'T BET ON IT." INGERSOLL

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